

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A computing system in which a plurality of OSs run on  
2 hardware of one computer, said computing system comprising:  
3 management agents that are respectively executed on the OSs,  
4 to manage said OSs;  
5 a partitioning control unit that holds partition configuration  
6 information indicating a relation between each OS and the hardware,  
7 and controls allocation of the hardware to each OS; and  
8 a hardware data collection unit that collects data on said  
9 hardware;  
10 wherein:  
11 said computing system uses said partition configuration  
12 information to perform hardware management for each OS.

1 2. The computing system according to Claim 1, further  
2 comprising:  
3 management consoles for performing data collection, failure  
4 data reception, and control of said computer on which a plurality of  
5 OSs run.

1 3. The computing system according to Claim 2, wherein:  
2 when one of said management agents receives a request from  
3 one of said management consoles for acquisition of hardware  
4 configuration information, the management agent notifies said request  
5 to said partitioning control unit;

6 the partitioning control unit, which has been notified of said  
7 request, acquires the data on said hardware from said hardware data  
8 collection unit, and extracts requested information on hardware using  
9 said partition configuration information, to send said information  
10 extracted to said management agent; and

11 said management agent notifies the information received from  
12 said partitioning control unit to said management console.

1 4. The computing system according to Claim 2, wherein:

2 when said hardware data collection unit detects an occurrence  
3 of a failure in a piece of the hardware, the hardware data collection  
4 unit notifies the failure data to said partitioning control unit;

5 said partitioning control unit notifies said failure data to  
6 management agents corresponding to OSs allocated with said piece of  
7 the hardware in which the failure has occurred; and

8 said management agents notified of said failure data, in turn,  
9 notify said failure data to said management consoles.

1 5. The computing system according to Claim 1, wherein:

2 when said hardware data collection unit detects an occurrence  
3 of a failure in a piece of the hardware, the hardware data collection  
4 unit notifies the failure data to said partitioning control unit;

5 said partitioning control unit notifies said failure data to  
6 management agents corresponding to OSs allocated with said piece of  
7 the hardware in which the failure has occurred; and

8 said management agents notified of said failure data control  
9 software, based on the failure data notified.

1 6. The computing system according to Claim 1, wherein:  
2 when one of said management agents detects an occurrence of  
3 a failure in software, said management agent notifies the failure data  
4 to said partitioning control unit;  
5 said partitioning control unit performs control of reallocation  
6 of the hardware allocated to each OS, and/or performs activation  
7 control for each OS, based on said failure data.

1 7. A computing system in which a plurality of OSs run on  
2 hardware of one computer, said computing system comprising:  
3 an integrated management agent that is executed on a primary  
4 OS to manage said computer;  
5 software management agents that are respectively executed on  
6 the OSs except for said primary OS, to manage software executed on  
7 respective OSs concerned;  
8 a partitioning control unit that holds partition configuration  
9 information indicating a relation between each OS and the hardware,  
10 and controls allocation of the hardware to each OS; and  
11 a hardware data collection unit that collects data on said  
12 hardware;  
13 wherein:  
14 said computing system uses said partition configuration  
15 information to perform hardware management for each OS.

1 8. The computing system according to Claim 7, further  
2 comprising:  
3 management consoles for performing data collection, failure  
4 data reception, and control of said computer on which a plurality of

5 OSs run.

1 9. The computing system according to Claim 8, wherein:

2 when said integrated management agent receives a request  
3 from one of said management consoles for acquisition of hardware  
4 configuration information, said integrated management agent notifies  
5 said request to said partitioning control unit;

6 the partitioning control unit, which has been notified of said  
7 request, acquires the data on said hardware from said hardware data  
8 collection unit, and extracts requested information on hardware using  
9 said partition configuration information, to send said information  
10 extracted to said integrated management agent; and

11 said integrated management agent notifies the information  
12 received from said partitioning control unit to said management  
13 console.

1 10. The computing system according to Claim 7, wherein:

2 when said hardware data collection unit detects an occurrence  
3 of a failure in the hardware, the hardware data collection unit notifies  
4 the failure data to said partitioning control unit;

5 said partitioning control unit notifies said failure data to said  
6 integrated management agent; and

7 said integrated management agent controls software through  
8 said software management agents, based on the failure data notified.

1 11. The computing system according to Claim 7, wherein:

2 when one of said software management agents detects an  
3 occurrence of a failure in software, said software management agent

- 4 notifies the failure data to said partitioning control unit;
- 5       said partitioning control unit performs control of reallocation
- 6 of the hardware allocated to each OS, and/or performs activation
- 7 control for each OS, based on said failure data.